



## Mr. Robert Garden

March 20, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Garden, in his 90th year, at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife Irene and his brother Don. Bob (with one "O") was the loving father of Ted and his wife Maryke, Paul and his wife Darlene, and Tim and his wife Robin. Cherished grandpa of Brittany (Paul and Darlene), Lise (Ted and Maryke) and Scott (Ted and Maryke), and great grandpa of Jane (Lise and Jay) and Cooper (Brittany and Brandon).

As a young man Bob worked as a surveyor for the Department of Highways. During one of his out of town survey assignments with DHO he met his wife Irene at the Kee to Bala, dancing to the happening sounds of the Big Bands that frequently played the Kee at that time. Bob eventually started his own land surveying company and provided survey services to many areas throughout southern Ontario. Bob's thirty years of private practice in the land surveying business were filled with a wide range of community activities including some forays into local politics. Bob and Irene were enthusiastic snow birds and routinely enjoyed spending their winters in Florida and Arizona. The natural environment of Arizona provided Bob with an opportunity to pursue his hobby of oil painting, several examples of which adorn his son's homes.

A celebration of life for Bob will be announced at a future date.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the RVH Foundation would be appreciated.

Online messages of condolences and memories may be forwarded to the family through [www.steckleygooderham.com](http://www.steckleygooderham.com)

# Comments

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“ Ted,Paul,Tim, we all basically grew up together.Bob was a pleasure to work for all those years(+35) but my memory is getting hazy? Ernie can't believe I'll be 72 in 3 weeks,,We all have wonderful memories of your father,,mother, grandfather,grandmother,the pool,the air stream,,a life well lived,,my deepest condolences to you all,,he'll never be forgotten!!

**Paul Matt** - April 08 at 11:09 AM

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“ Ted and Tim and families,

Sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your families.

Peter Lamb

**Peter Lamb** - April 06 at 05:16 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to all of the Garden family. Bob was a great influence in my life. I began work for him at a young age and due to his enthusiasm, support and guidance I eventually pursued my license as an Ontario Land Surveyor. I have always had the upmost respect and admiration for Bob. Many of my fondest memories occurred when I was under his employ. Bob will be greatly missed and he will always live on in my memories.

**Ernie Sperling** - April 06 at 02:55 PM

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“ Very sorry to hear of Bob's passing and my sincere condolences to Ted, Tim and the rest of the Garden family. Bob was a class act and a pleasure to be around and I will miss the conversations we've had in the past while he was still a practicing Land Surveyor. Ron was also upset to hear of Bob's passing and asked me to extend his condolences to the Garden family.

Best wishes to the family going forward during this difficult time.

Robb & Ron McKibbon

**Robb McKibbon** - April 06 at 02:40 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to the Garden Family. I was lucky enough to know Bob and I'm a better person for those experiences. My father, Lorry Gelbloom, was a friend of Bob's and always spoke very highly of him. I'm lucky to have Bob's painting of Champlain's Astrolab, of which i look at almost daily.

May the fond memories of Bob and love that many have for him console you during this time.

Jaime Gelbloom

Jaime Gelbloom - April 06 at 12:56 PM

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Ted Garden - March 29 at 08:01 AM